

October 25, 2022

Monarch Park Collegiate

Good afternoon students and families,

Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating.

It has been a busy couple of weeks at MPC. We welcomed our Grade 9 families for Curriculum Night. A thank you to our staff and student volunteers, including the baking club, for supporting the event with you excellent leadership

Our grade 12 students have been meeting with universities at lunch and learns, and a group of students took a field trip to the Ontario College Fair this week to explore pathway options.

In alignment with the municipal election, students participated in a mock vote.

The ILP department welcomed therapy dogs this week as part of our mental health initiatives. Our student leaders in ILP also began their first business, selling candy for Halloween to staff.

Zakah raised over \$200 in support of flood relief efforts in Pakistan. And the Volunteer Club is continuing its food drive in support of East Cares.

We look forward to seeing families on Parent/Guardian—Teacher interview day this coming Thursday. Information is included in this newsletter.

Have a great week!



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UPCOMING DATES

October 26—Late Start

October 27—Parent/
Guardian-Teacher Inter-
views

October 28—Late Start

November 2—Grade 9
Take Your Kids to Work
Day

CATCH UP PAYMENTS THROUGH THE MINISTRY

[Catch Up Payments | ontario.ca](https://catchuppayments.ontario.ca)

You can get financial support to help with the costs of your child's tutoring, supplies or equipment during the 2022–23 school year. Eligible applicants will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each student between kindergarten and Grade 12, up to age 18
- \$250 for each student with special education needs between kindergarten and Grade 12, up to age 21

The deadline to apply is **March 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

Mental Health and Well-Being

Resources and tools are available for parents/guardians and students on the [TDSB public website](#).

The site includes a system calendar which highlights upcoming events to support our community including webinars, [virtual drop-in hours](#) and more. [Culturally responsive and relevant resources](#), [mental health toolkits](#), [grief and loss resources](#) and [virtual heritage and culturally responsive lounges](#) are also available.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022-2023

A big thank you to our parents/guardians/caregivers who came to our first School Council meeting of the year.

Please join me in welcoming our executive members for the year:

Co-Chairs—Maria Saras-Voutsinas and Voula McLaughlin

Co-Secretary—Jennifer Cloke-Campbell and Maxine Wood

Co-Treasurers—Hilary Gray and Idella Sturino

Voting Member—Mark Wagner

A reminder that all families are welcome to School Council Meetings. Please note the school council dates for the year:

November 16, 2022

December 15, 2022

January 19, 2022

February 22, 2022

April 27, 2022

May 24, 2022

Get Involved

Group	When	Group	When
Amani (Afro Canadian Club)	Wednesdays at lunch—Rm 116	K-Pop Club	Thursday at noon—Rm 116
Play Production/ Drama Club	Rehearsals will be Wednesdays and Thursdays after school	Zakah	Wednesdays at lunch—Rm 313
HerStory	Wednesdays—Rm 205	Inter-club Council	First Monday of each month—Ferguson
Global Ideas Institute Team	Wednesday meetings—Biweekly	Gaming Club	Monday after school in the library
MEND	Tuesday at lunch—Rm 305	Anime Club	Wednesdays at lunch - Rm 127
MPC Dance Crew	Fridays at lunch	Rise Above	Thursday at lunch—rm 129
DECA	Tuesdays at lunch—Rm 204	Intramural Council	Wednesdays at lunch—Rm 120
Library Defenders	Every day before, during and after school	Mirror Magazine	Mondays—Library
ELL Club	Tuesdays after school – Library	Film Club	Wednesday after school—Rm 116
Dungeons & Dragons	Thursdays after school—Library	Garden Club	Wednesdays at lunch—library
Coding Club	Thursday after school—Rm 225	SAMS (student ambassadors of Monarch)	On demand
Monarch Eats	On demand	Volunteering @ MPC	On demand
Homework Hangout	Monday—Thursday—3:15—4:30 rm 224	Art Club	Wednesday at lunch—Rm 215
Mock Trial Club	Rm 322		

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day

This year, on **Wednesday, November 2nd**, students, parents, teachers and workplaces across Canada will have options for participating in diverse, inclusive and accessible career exploration on **Take Our Kids to Work Day 2022!** Wherever students are – at home, in school, or with a parent – you can build your own day based on what fits with your schedule.

Option 1 - Youth can take part in activities and events organized and hosted by their parent's employer.

Option 2 - Youth can participate in career-related activities in the classroom.

Option 3 - Parents and their children can participate directly from home in virtual Take Our Kids to Work Day activities.

Please visit [The Family Resource Guide](#) from The Learning Partnership's website to review options.

More information and resources can be found on the [Learning Partnership's website](#).

Parents and caregivers can approve the electronic excursion form or find a paper copy in Guidance at Monarch Park if they will be participating outside of the school. Excursion forms will be available later this week.

Have you handed in all your forms?

Interested in the gaming industry?

Check out the free virtual gaming education and career event on October 25th 5-8pm

[Link](#) to register for free event

The office is still looking for over 200 forms to be completed on Permission Click. If you are having difficulty accessing the forms, please do not hesitate to contact our office for support.

1:1 devices have been mostly distributed. If you are the parent/guardian/caregiver of a Grade 9 student and have not filled out the device agreement for the 1:1, please do so if you would like for your student to receive a device. Again, should you have any difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the main office for support.

Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews on **Thursday, October 27th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. You will be able to schedule your Interviews online. If you wish to schedule a meeting with any of your child's teachers, please follow the instructions printed further down the page.

You will be able to schedule appointments from **October 24th at 9:00 am until October 26th at 6:00 pm**.

Instructions

1. Prepare a list with the names of each teacher you would like to meet
2. Go to the Monarch Park scheduling website at <https://parentinterview.com/s/mpci>
3. Enter your child's 9-digit student number and click "Sign In"
4. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
5. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
6. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet with that teacher
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to see
8. Click on "My Schedule" (top left of the page)
9. Print out, email or copy down your schedule

Should you wish to cancel an appointment you have made, click on "Cancel" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule.

If you experience any difficulty using the service, please email support@parentinterview.com

Please note the school schedule for early dismissal:

Period	Day Part	Start Time	End Time
1	AM	09:00 AM	09:35 AM
2	AM	09:40 AM	10:15 AM
3	AM	10:20 AM	10:55 AM
4	AM	11:00 AM	11:40 AM

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FAIR FOR FAMILIES/CAREGIVERS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMPLEX NEEDS

This Community Fair is open to all families who have children with Special Needs attending TDSB schools. This includes children who are integrated in classrooms in our schools, attending our Intensive Support Programs (ISP) located in schools across the TDSB, as well as students in our Congregated Schools.

- First session: Monday November 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Second session: Monday November 14th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 p.m.

Please read the [attached flyer](#) for further details.

Along with TDSB support staff, Surrey Place, Community Living Toronto, Family Services Toronto, and [Connectability.ca](#) presenting at the fair.

The Zoom link is embedded in the flyer. The Zoom link is also provided below, if families are unable to connect to the link in the flyer.

TDSB Virtual Community Fair

When: Monday November 7, 2022 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Monday November 14, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98367378226?pwd=MW9yaDZTYnBoUTRmZEpGaXVmMVAXdz09>

Meeting ID: 983 6737 8226

Passcode: 969515

HALLOWEEN 2022—CULTURES ARE NOT COSTUMES

Each year, Halloween is marked in a variety of ways in school communities across the TDSB. Students can choose whether or not to participate in Halloween related activities.

To support safe, welcoming, and dynamic learning spaces, this is a reminder that certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community.

Please consider this when/if you are choosing to wear a costume to school on Halloween.

Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) Conference: Using Student Voice to Inform School Policies and Practices

October 27, 2022

4 - 6 p.m.

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with the TDSB's Research and Development Department and Continuing Education - Focus on Youth Toronto Program (FOYT), is hosting its first virtual *Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) Conference: Using Student Voice to Inform School Policies and Practices*.

Join us for 14 exciting presentations across five panels, discussing:

- Pathways and Transitions
- The Black identity in K-12 education

Equitable learning opportunities for Black students.

This virtual conference is a remarkable opportunity for Black students to present their research developed during the Black Student Summer Leadership Program (BSSLP) and the Black Student Leadership Program (BSLP). This conference is created and moderated by TDSB Black student leaders. Hear from YPAR scholar Dr. Nombuso Dlamini from York University and student moderator, Melanie Bennett as they discuss the key factors in creating a successful experiential learning opportunity for students to create action-oriented change.

To RSVP to this exciting event, please fill out this [form](#).

Upcoming! Pathways into the Music Industry

October 26, 2022

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with ADVANCE Canada's Black Music Business Collective invites Black-identifying students in Grades 11 and 12 who are interested in career opportunities in the music industry to attend the ADVANCE information session on October 26. This program explores pathways into the Music Industry (e.g., content creator, data analyst, royalty administrator, marketing manager, etc.), and supports an understanding of sectors that are not often explored in traditional education settings. This co-developed program which explores pathways into the Music Industry encourages and allows students to look beyond "what is", and to push the envelope to "what can be". Please look out for registration details on our social media platforms!

Black Girls' Book Club

November 2 – December 7, 2022

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

The Black Girls' Book Club is back! Self-identifying Black girls from Grades 9 to 12 are invited to [register](#) before October 26. Students will read books about Black girls and celebrate the stories of Black women writers. New ideas, stories and ways of self-expression will be explored. In this session, students will be reading *Muted* by Tami Charles.